

were two funerals from the home, too—Grandma Moninger's and later Mother's mother passed away March 27, 1928, at the Methodist Hospital in Des Moines, following an operation.

The following February, Father sold the farm to Mr. McKibben and moved to Marshalltown. Mr. and Mrs. McKibben wanted the farm for a home and cared for it and kept it in good shape. But Mrs. McKibben passed away in 1937 and then the place was rented to tenants. Just as a change was being made in occupants, in late February or early March of 1938, the house somehow caught fire and burned to the ground. Really, I think my deepest feeling about the news was one of relief—our precious memories need not be dulled or affected by seeing our beloved home gradually decay under unappreciative hands. The new bungalow put up in its place had no associations for us.

THE MAYTAG MUSEUM

The Maytag Company, Newton, Iowa, has recently opened at museum of home laundry appliances. On exhibit there are 30 machines, marking milestones in Maytag's history and in the progress of home laundering itself. The company is one of the oldest (1893) and largest producers of laundry appliances.

The earliest Maytag (1907) was made of wood and called a "Pastime." The washer shown is steel-banded and looks like the top half of a barrel sawn off and set on legs. It is hand-powered, with a crank at the top and a lid for inserting the clothes. Later wooden models are equipped with wringers and machine-powered.

The old-time display is decorated with tin types, a crank-type telephone, vintage wind-up phonograph, kerosene lamps and other curiosities. For those who fancy roll-top desks, there's one that looks like a collector's item standing in this section. It was used by the company founder.

The exhibits culminate in two handsome displays—one of a laundry area in modern bright yellow cabinetry; the other a beamed-ceiling kitchen setting, with matching dark-paneled overhead and counter cabinets.

The Maytag museum is open to the public from 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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